



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## *April 2023 Newsletter*

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### **Upcoming:**

**May 12:** Dave Gingrich, K9DC, with "IRLP - Nuts and bolts, how to get on IRLP with your radio" VIA ZOOM

**June 9:** Annual Indianapolis Radio Club equipment auction. AT SALVATION ARMY EDS FACILITY

**July 29 (Saturday):** IRC Picnic & POTA at FORT HARRISON STATE PARK.

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### **Highlights from the April Meeting:**

Called to order at 7:30 pm via Zoom by club president, David Spoelstra, N9KT. There were 33 in attendance. In attendance was one new ham, Nat Rajagopalan, KD9WTU. There were no upgrades or new members present. David announced that new Indianapolis Radio Club hats are available to order. The deadline to order hats is May 15, and orders must be prepaid. Hats should be available for pickup at the June meeting/auction. See article later in this newsletter for more details.

David announced the July picnic/POTA event would be July 29 at Ft. Harrison. Watch for an email in May with more information and RSVP form. David talked a little about the remaining meetings this season: Dave Gingrich, K9DC, with a hands-on presentation on IRLP in May (via Zoom), and our annual Auction in June at the Salvation Army EDS facility. David reminded those present about Field Day coming up on June 24, 25. We will once again be working with the Indy United group.

Next David introduced Tim Duffy, K3LR, CEO of DX Engineering. Tim talked about new products available at DX Engineering. First was the line noise detecting loop antenna designed by Don Kirk, WD8DSB. Tim showed several RG-214 cables they can custom manufacture. He had lots of lightning protection gear. Tim said DXE has recently purchased Hi-Z Antennas products. He also said the new larger showroom is open at the store in Tallmadge, OH, (inside Summit Racing 1200 Southeast Ave, Tallmadge, OH 44278). Tim talked briefly about the K3LR contest station operations.

Tim's presentation concluded at 8:15. There was informal discussion about Logbook of the World issues at ARRL.

## **Ham Radio News:**

### **LEADERSHIP CHANGE FOR 500 FESTIVAL MINI MARATHON**

Brent Walls, N9BA, had to step down from leading the 500 Festival Mini-Marathon Amateur Radio volunteer effort. Matthew Bechdol, W9SOX, stepped in to take over the effort. If you haven't already volunteered for the event on Saturday, May 6, but would like to, the open registration period is over, but you might want to contact Matthew at [w9sox@qsl.net](mailto:w9sox@qsl.net) If you have any questions, contact Matthew at the same address.

### **PANCREATIC CANCER SPECIAL EVENT COMING UP**

Hams across the US will be hosting special event stations on Saturday, April 29, in an effort to raise awareness for Pancreatic Cancer. The event is called "Hams for PanCan", and is organized by Richard Ryba, WQ3Q, who has been diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer himself. Look for stations with the 1x1 callsigns of "N?P", where the ? will be replaced by the call area of the station. In Indiana, station N9P is being coordinated by Kyle Bandy, KC9GLR. The N9P station will be operating from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on April 29 from KJ9B's station, located north of Brownsburg. If you would like to operate the station, a signup sheet is available at [📅 N9P Operating Schedule](#) There are still several operating slots available. Contact Kyle at [kc9glr.kyle@gmail.com](mailto:kc9glr.kyle@gmail.com) with questions.

## IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE INDIANA QSO PARTY!

It's almost time for Indiana to be "rare DX", and everyone to be looking for us! The Indiana QSO Party, or INQP for short, will be held on Saturday, May 6, from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm local time, or 1500 UTC Saturday through 0300 UTC Sunday. All stations may operate the full 12-hour period. The full rules for the event can be found at <http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/rules.html>. As always, there will be a club competition, so if you work the INQP and turn in a log, please specify the Indianapolis Radio Club as your club. If no one from Ft. Wayne submits a log, we might win ;-)

There are several other QSO parties occurring this same weekend, so the bands will be very busy, AND FUN! Also, with band conditions looking pretty good, contacts should be plentiful. So, get on the air on the following bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters in either SSB or CW modes and call CQ! If you are a Technician class operator, remember you can operate on the 10 meter band between 28.300 and 28.500 SSB, or on CW in portions of the 80, 40, and 15 meter bands.

So, get on the air on May 6! Even if you only log a handful of contacts, submit your log. Most of all, HAVE FUN!

## INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB HATS

If you've been around the club for a while (19 years to be exact), you might remember when we had hats for sale. Well, we're doing it again! We are getting black with gold embroidery hats, for \$15 each. The plan is to have the hats to hand out at the June meeting/auction. In order to meet that deadline, we need to have the **paid** orders for hats in by no later than May 15. You can go to <https://forms.gle/dMsFzPPZFEdm1VLo7> to see the hat and indicate how many you want. After that form is submitted, you will be invoiced for the amount due via PayPal.

## PICNIC/POTA COMING UP ON JULY 29

Mark your calendars for the (first annual?) Indianapolis Radio Club Picnic/POTA on Saturday, July 29. The event will be held at the Cherry Tree Shelter in Fort Harrison State Park. The plan is for the event to start around 11:00 with lunch around noon. We will have 2 HF stations on the air for Parks on the Air (POTA), using the club's call sign of W9JP. If you haven't done POTA, or HF, this will be a great opportunity to learn! Watch your email for an RSVP/Info form.

## **TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW FOR HAMVENTION**

Advance sale tickets for Hamvention, May 19 through 21 in Xenia, OH are on sale now via the Hamvention website at <https://hamvention.org/purchase-tickets/>. Advance sale tickets are priced at \$26 each. Tickets at the gate will be \$30.

## **UPCOMING CENTRAL INDIANA TESTING SESSIONS (check with sponsor before planning to attend)**

Anderson IN 46016-2238

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club

Date: Apr 18 2023

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Stephen M. Riley

(765) 425-4627

Email: [wa9cwe@arrl.net](mailto:wa9cwe@arrl.net)

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Madison County EMA EOC

200 N Delaware St

Anderson IN 46016-2238

Website: <http://www.andersonrepeater.club/>

Columbus IN 47201

Sponsor: South Central Indiana Communications Support Group

Date: Apr 18 2023

Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Michael D. Tanksley

(812) 350-5175

Email: [kd9eau@gmail.com](mailto:kd9eau@gmail.com)

VEC: LAUREL VEC

Location: East Columbus United Methodist Church Youth Center

2439 Indiana Ave

Columbus IN 47201

Gas City IN 46933-1155

Sponsor: GCARC  
Date: Apr 25 2023  
Time: 5:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
Contact: Mitchell D. Miller  
(765) 661-5893  
Email: mitchmiller55@gmail.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: EMA Building  
3921 S Garthwaite Rd  
Pre-register only, contact ahead  
Gas City IN 46933-1155  
Website: <http://www.grantarc.org/>

Bloomington IN 47401-5337  
Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc  
Date: May 06 2023  
Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: William F. Wootton  
(812) 876-8689  
Email: wfwootton@gmail.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: First United Church - Call or email ahead due to COVID-19  
2420 E 3rd St  
Register at 11:30am  
Testing at 12 NOON  
Bloomington IN 47401-5337

Greenfield IN 46140-9654  
Sponsor: Hancock County ARC  
Date: May 06 2023  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: David Keiser  
(317) 440-8486  
Email: kc9urp@hrtc.net  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Hancock EMA EOC  
640 South Franklin St  
Greenfield IN 46140-9654

Anderson IN 46016-2238  
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club  
Date: May 16 2023  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Stephen M. Riley  
(765) 425-4627  
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Madison County EMA EOC  
200 N Delaware St  
Anderson IN 46016-2238  
Website: <http://www.andersonrepeater.club/>

Gas City IN 46933-1155  
Sponsor: GCARC  
Date: May 23 2023  
Time: 5:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
Contact: Mitchell D. Miller  
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Email: mitchmillers55@gmail.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: EMA Building  
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Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc  
Date: Jun 03 2023  
Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
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Email: wfwootton@gmail.com  
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Location: First United Church - Call or email ahead due to COVID-19  
2420 E 3rd St

Register at 11:30am  
Testing at 12 NOON  
Bloomington IN 47401-5337

Indianapolis IN 46218-2169  
Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio club W9JP  
Date: Jun 10 2023  
Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
Contact: James K. Rinehart  
(317) 721-1458  
Email: [testing@indyradioclub.org](mailto:testing@indyradioclub.org)  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility  
4020 Georgetown Rd  
Indianapolis IN 46218-2169

## **FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER**

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at [http://mail.indyradioclub.org/mailman/listinfo/ircnews\\_indyradioclub.org](http://mail.indyradioclub.org/mailman/listinfo/ircnews_indyradioclub.org).

## **SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS**

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net)

## **Signals from the Past:**

### **From the April, 1979 *Amachewer*:**

March 23rd we had our good friend and ARRL area director W9NTP, Don Miller with his XYL Sue, W9YL. Don came back to give a talk about the activities at Newington. Although most of the material covered was in Don's last letter, he gave it a much more personal touch with lots of comments that won't print very good.

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### **Upcoming Area Radio Events:**

- Henry County Hamfest: April 29 at the New Castle Armory. Go to <http://w9ob.org/> for more info.
- North Central Indiana Hamfest: April 29 at Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds. Go to <http://ncihamfest.com/> for more info.
- Dayton (Xenia) Hamvention: May 19 - 21 at the Greene Co. Fair and Expo Center. Go to <https://hamvention.org/> for details and tickets.

### **2023 Officers:**

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – [president@indyradioclub.org](mailto:president@indyradioclub.org)
- Vice Pres.: Dave Miller, K9RTT - [vp@indyradioclub.org](mailto:vp@indyradioclub.org)
- Secretary/Treasurer: Ken Bandy, KJ9B - [secretary@indyradioclub.org](mailto:secretary@indyradioclub.org)
- Dir. at large: Jim Rinehart, K9RU – [board@indyradioclub.org](mailto:board@indyradioclub.org)
- Dir. at large: Kyle Bandy, KC9GLR - [board@indyradioclub.org](mailto:board@indyradioclub.org)
- Dir. at large: Kevin Colbert, KD9MNB - [board@indyradioclub.org](mailto:board@indyradioclub.org)
- W9JP Trustee: Jay Kraus, W9TC - [w9jp.trustee@indyradioclub.org](mailto:w9jp.trustee@indyradioclub.org)

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